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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - CSCE: PLANNED FRG
PROPOSAL ON TIMING OF STAGE III

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HARTMAN THROUGH SONNENFELDT

1. WE WERE ABOUT TO SEND YOU A MORE COMPLICATED MEMO OUTLINING OPTIONS ON STAGE III TIMING, BUT NOW THE FRG SEEMS PREPARED TO TRY TO BREAK THE LOGJAM. WITH SCHMIDT PERSONALLY PUSHING FOR MOVEMENT TOWARDS AGREEMENT ON STAGE III IN JULY BEFORE THIS WEEKEND, THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA PLANS TO PRESENT A DRAFT COORDINATING COMMITTEE DECISION TO NATO CAUCUS ON MORNING OF JULY 3. IF NATO CAUCUS ACCEPTS, THE DRAFT WOULD THEN BE TABLED IN FULL COORDINATING COMMITTEE THE SAME MORNING.

2. DRAFT DECISION READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE DECIDES TO PROPOSE TO
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THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND THE 28TH OF JULY AS THE DATE

FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CSCE UNDER
THE CONDITION THAT THE DOCUMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL
HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY CONSENSUS BY THE 15TH OF JULY AND

THUS BE READY FOR PRINTING.

SHOULD THIS NOT BE POSSIBLE, THE QUESTION OF THE DATE
FOR THE THIRD PHASE WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED BACK TO
THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR DECISION. FINANCIAL
OBLIGATIONS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF FINLAND MIGHT HAVE
TO INCUR IN SUCH AN EVENTUALITY WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS
BEING EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE THIRD
PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE. UNQUOTE.

3. FRG REPRESENTATIVE BELIEVES TEXT WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE TO THE EC NINE, TURKS AND EVEN TO MALTA.
HE ALSO TRIED IT OUT INFORMALLY ON THE SOVIETS AND
HAD THE IMPRESSION THEY COULD ALSO ACCEPT IT.

4. WE ARE INSTRUCTING SHERER TO JOIN A NATO CAUCUS
CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF TABLING THE FRG DRAFT DECISION
IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, JULY 3. THIS POSITION
IS CONSONANT WITH OUR STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR
DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO LET THE ALLIES TAKE THE LEAD
ON STAGE III TIMING AND JOIN IN RESULTING CONSENSUS. INGERSOLL

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